

News Release

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

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Upcoming events at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge invites the public to the following refuge events through December of 2011.

October 1 st	Youth Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
October 5 th	Disabled Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
October 9 th	The Big Sit!	Join the Kent County Bird Club in celebrating 'The Big Sit!' an annual, international bird count. Drop by the Tubby Cove Observation Platform at Eastern Neck NWR any time from 7:09 am until 3:00 pm (morning hours have more bird activity.)
October 12 th	Full Moon Paddle	Join Friends of Eastern Neck and the Center for Environment & Society of Washington College for fun on the water. Bring your own kayak, lifejacket, paddle & flashlight. Tailgate picnic at 5:30 pm, paddle from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Meet at Bogles Wharf. Group limit 24 people. Register with jfairchild2@washcoll.edu or 410-778-7295.
October 14 th	Archery Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
October 15 th	Wildlife Outreach Booth	Eastern Neck NWR will host a refuge outreach booth at the Chestertown Wildlife Exhibition & Sale. Information about Eastern Neck NWR and the Federal Duck Stamp Art Exhibition will be available. Event runs from 9:30 am until 4:30 pm in downtown Chestertown, MD. For event details, visit http://www.chestertownwildlife.org/ or call 410-810-4898.
October 17 th	Muzzleloader Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
October 23 rd	Shoreline Cleanup	Join Friends of Eastern Neck and the Center for Environment and Society of Washington College for a shoreline cleanup at Eastern Neck NWR from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Meet at the Refuge Office/Visitor Contact Station. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for weather. Bags, gloves, sunscreen, snacks & water are provided. Please RSVP to 410-778-7295 or jfairchild2@washcoll.edu
October 28 th	Muzzleloader Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.

October 29 th	Paddle Around the Island	Join refuge staff and the Chesapeake Paddlers Association for an interpretive paddling program which will circle Eastern Neck Island. This program will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To sign up, contact Marshall Woodruff, marshall.woodruff@gmail.com or call the Eastern Neck NWR at 410-639-7056.
November 7 th	Shotgun Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
November 8 th	Magnificent Tundra Swans	Join the Kent County Bird Club and Eastern Neck NWR refuge staff for a special interpretive program on Tundra Swans. This program runs 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm. Meet at Heron Point, 501 East Campus Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620.
November 14 th	Shotgun Hunt	Refuge is closed to the public except for deer hunters with valid permits. Bogles Wharf access will remain open.
November 29 th	America's Wildest Refuge	Discover the wonder of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge at a special screening of 'America's Wildest Refuge,' (running time 50 minutes) at 7:00 p.m. at Washington College in Litrenta Lecture Hall, in the Toll Science Building on Campus Avenue. The Arctic Refuge, about the size of South Carolina, is home to many amazing species including caribou herds, polar bears, tundra swans, peregrine falcons, and more. Colby Hawkinson will lead a discussion immediately following the film, exploring connections between the Arctic and Eastern Neck refuges. Reception is prior to the movie at 6:30 p.m. in the McLain Atrium of the Toll Science Building. Join Washington College's Center for Environment & Society, the Friends of Eastern Neck Inc., and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for cake and refreshments in celebration of the Arctic Refuge's 50th Anniversary! For information, contact jfairchild2@washcoll.edu or 410-778-7295. 'America's Wildest Refuge' trailer is found at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7Gg8OJryEg&feature=player_embedded
December 10 th	Annual Open House	The 2011 Federal Duck Stamp Art exhibit will be on display at the Eastern Neck NWR Refuge Open House! The Refuge Open House will also feature expert-guided birding walks, guided nature walks to parts of the island normally closed to the public, the Maryland Junior Duck Stamp Art Exhibit, a youth archery range with certified instructors, complimentary refreshments, kids' activities, and more! This event runs from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm, rain or shine. Meet at the Refuge Office/Visitor Contact Station. A full Open House schedule will be posted at: www.fws.gov/northeast/easternneck
December 18 th	Christmas Bird Count	Bird counting teams will cover about a third of Kent County on this day, including Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. To sign up, contact Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin at rossgull@baybroadband.net or 410-778-9568.

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